

I DO NOT SUPPORT the reclassification of Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL) as an "information service."

Small Internet Service Providers (ISPs) need access to the nation's communications infrastructure, owned by large Telephone Companies (Telcos), in order to generate viable competition.

The small ISPs provide price-reducing and service-enhancing competition, as well as a greater responsiveness to special data transfer needs for the more technologically adept.

Without access to the wires owned by the large telcos, small ISPs have little chance of survival.

If only large telcos survive as Internet Service Providers, a restriction to both access and content will be the result to the internet in this nation. These monoliths are not interested in bringing technological or creative innovation to the internet, but rather only in packaging "internet services" with cable television and phone service in order to strengthen their monopolistic grip on information dispersal.

The small ISP is crucial to spurring innovation. There ought to be a continuation of the FCC's policy of providing access for these small ISPs in the larger telco's networks.